

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, November 22, 1999

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 22, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## PRAYER

The Reverend A. David Argo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, offered the following prayer:

O God of beginnings and endings be present in the work of this day. Provide the foresight needed to begin in new directions and the courage to begin again for issues which are just. Give grace for those projects which need to be brought to a close and understanding when confronted with losses not chosen. Guide the decisions which assess the difference between beginnings and endings and inspire those who participate in the outcome with a renewed commitment to the common good. With enormous gratitude for the resources You have given to our country we ask for Your divine guidance as this body seeks to serve Your people and Your world. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOLF led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.

H.R. 20. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 100. An act to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

H.R. 197. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office".

H.R. 322. An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

H.R. 592. An act to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field".

H.R. 658. An act to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System.

H.R. 747. An act to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

H.R. 748. An act to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

H.R. 791. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system.

H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

H.R. 1094. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.

H.R. 1104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

H.R. 1191. An act to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.

H.R. 1251. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at

8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".

H.R. 1327. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office".

H.R. 1528. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 1619. An act to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

H.R. 1665. An act to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

H.R. 1693. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.

H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

H.R. 1887. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

H.R. 1932. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.

H.R. 2079. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.

H.R. 2140. An act to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.

H.R. 2401. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.

H.R. 2632. An act to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

H.R. 2737. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.

H.R. 2886. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act.

H.R. 2889. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.

H.R. 3257. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

H.R. 3373. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

H.R. 3381. An act to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3419. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3443. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3456. An act to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

H.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 85. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution recognizing the United States Border Patrol's 75 years of service since its founding.

H. Con. Res. 141. Concurrent resolution celebrating One America.

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and on special, multiple, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce.

H. Con. Res. 205. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the heroic efforts of the Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing and its rescue of Dr. Jerri Nielsen from the South Pole.

H. Con. Res. 236. Concurrent resolution correcting the Enrollment of H.R. 1180.

H. Con. Res. 239. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3194.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 149. An act to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 and to other laws related to parks and public lands.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 764. An act to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1377. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building".

H.R. 1451. An act to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

H.R. 1753. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of gas hydrate resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1802. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide

States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2130. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add gamma hydroxybutyric acid and ketamine to the schedules of controlled substances, to provide for a national awareness campaign, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2280. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3111. An act to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995.

H. Con. Res. 221. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the brochures entitled "How Our Laws Are Made" and "Our American Government", the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1555) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2280) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2116) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 244. An act to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System

and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Sergio Lozano.

S. 302. An act for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian.

S. 348. An act to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes.

S. 366. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail.

S. 439. An act to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada.

S. 486. An act to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 624. An act to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 692. An act to prohibit Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

S. 698. An act to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War Battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 711. An act to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and for other purposes.

S. 734. An act entitled "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999".

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 761. An act to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and other purposes.

S. 769. An act to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam.

S. 905. An act to establish the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area and for other purposes.

S. 961. An act to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve shared appreciation arrangements.

S. 964. An act to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 977. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

S. 1019. An act for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1117. An act to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 1119. An act to amend the act of August 9, 1950, to continue funding of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho.

S. 1243. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the prostate cancer preventive health program.

S. 1268. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide support for the modernization and construction of biomedical and behavioral research facilities and laboratory instrumentation.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1288. An act to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 1295. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

S. 1296. An act to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1309. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans.

S. 1324. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House, and for other purposes.

S. 1329. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 1330. An act to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city.

S. 1349. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System.

S. 1374. An act to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming.

S. 1453. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

S. 1488. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal Buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

S. 1503. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003.

S. 1508. An act to provide technical and legal assistance to tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1515. An act to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1516. An act to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1569. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and for other purposes.

S. 1599. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

S. 1707. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1733. An act to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to provide for a national standard of interoperability and portability applicable to electronic food stamp benefit transactions.

S. 1813. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional support for and to expand clinical research programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1877. An act to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995.

S. 1937. An act to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities.

S. 1971. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Milton Friedman, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to individual freedom and opportunity to American society through his exhaustive research and teaching of economics, and his extensive writing on economics and public policy.

S. 1996. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to clarify provisions relating to the content of petitions for compensation under the vaccine injury compensation program.

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring the members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that

Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.

S. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution making technical corrections to the enrollment of H.R. 3194.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 335) "An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the non-mailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 416) "An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1257) "An act to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code" with amendments.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1418) "An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 376) "An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. INOUE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, United States Code, the Chair, announces on behalf of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the designation of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) as a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation, in lieu of the late Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Chafee).

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, November 22, 1999.  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 19, 1999 at 7:38 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3194.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SCOTT PALMER

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to wish Scott Palmer, Speaker HASTERT's chief of staff, a Happy Birthday. I think he had about several the last couple of months.

### SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, and as the designee of the majority leader, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, the Chair declares the first session of the 106th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.) pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 235, the House adjourned.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5477. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (RIN: 0560-AG 10) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5478. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-3-FIR] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5479. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Revisions to Requirements to Regarding Credit For Promotion and Advertising Activities [Docket No. FV99-981-4 IFR] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5480. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in

Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-6 IFR] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5481. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Salable and Reserve Percentages for the 1999-2000 Crop Year [Docket No. FV99-981-3FR] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5482. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Debarment and Suspension (RIN: 0560-AF47) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5483. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-928-1 FR] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5484. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Reporting Walnuts Grown Outside of the United States and received by California Handlers [Docket No. FV99-984-2 FR] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5485. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report in support of the waiver for the Department of the Army's Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5486. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the retirement of Admiral Archie R. Clemins, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5487. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the amount of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities during the fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5488. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7720] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5489. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7725] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5490. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7722] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5491. A letter from the Director, Civil Rights Center, Department of Labor, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Provisions of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (RIN: 1291-AA29) received November 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5492. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5493. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foreign National Access To DOE Cyber Systems [DOE N205.2] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5494. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Carrying Semiautomatic Pistols With A Round In The Chamber [DOE N473.1] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5495. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Relocation of Standard Time Zone Boundary in the State of Nevada [OST Docket No. OST-99-5843] (RIN: 2105-AC80) received November 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5496. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the long-term strategy to carry out the counternarcotics responsibilities of the Department of State; to the Committee on International Relations.

5497. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates—received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5498. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting certification regarding the export to the People's Republic of China of an airport runway profiler containing an accelerometer; to the Committee on International Relations.

5499. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-166, "Gift of Light Permit Temporary Amendment Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5500. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-170, "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Vacancy Temporary Amendment Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5501. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-167, "Real Property Tax Appeal Filing Deadline Extension Temporary Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5502. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-164, "Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5503. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-171, "Management Supervisory Service Temporary Amendment Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5504. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-165, "Petition Circulation Requirements Amendment Act of 1999" received November 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5505. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 1999-September 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5506. A letter from the Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the Annual Report on Audit and Investigative Activities and the Annual Statement on Adequacy of Management Control Systems, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5507. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Iowa Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IA-005-FOR] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5508. A letter from the Senior Staff Attorney, Court of Appeals For the First Circuit, transmitting the opinion from In re: Lee C. Christo, No. 99-9002 (1st Cir. Oct. 4, 1999); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5509. A letter from the Director, Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Progress Report Study of Marking, Rendering Inert and Licensing of Explosive Materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5510. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 31, 31A, 35, 35A, and 60 Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-15-AD; Amendment 39-11415; AD 99-23-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5511. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-101-AD; Amendment 39-11417; AD 99-23-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5512. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Tay 620-15, Tay 650-15, and Tay 651-54 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 99-NE-26-AD; Amendment 39-11423; AD 99-24-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5513. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29831; Amdt. No. 1959] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5514. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS 332C, L, and L1 Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-78-AD; Amendment 39-11413; AD 99-23-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5515. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29830; Amdt. No. 1958] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5516. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Willows-Glen County Airport, CA [Airspace Docket No. 99-AWP-22] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5517. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Series [Docket No. 99-NM-70-AD; Amendment 39-11407; AD 99-23-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5518. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-48-AD; Amendment 39-11414; AD 99-23-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5519. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Montague, CA [Airspace Docket No. 95-AWP-44] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5520. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 412, 412EP, and 412CF Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-55-AD; Amendment 39-11419; AD 99-23-23] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5521. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Various Transport Category Airplanes Equipped With Mode "C" Transponder(s) With Single Gillham Code Altitude Input [Docket No. 99-NM-328-AD; Amendment 39-11418; AD 99-23-22] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5522. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-205-AD; Amendment 39-11410; AD 99-23-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to

the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5523. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-207-AD; Amendment 39-11411; AD 99-23-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5524. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-184-AD; Amendment 39-11412; AD 99-23-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5525. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-110-AD; Amendment 39-11408; AD 99-23-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5526. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the San Juan Low Offshore Airspace Area, PR [Airspace Docket No. 99-ASO-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5527. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727-200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-227-AD; Amendment 39-11409; AD 99-23-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5528. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emission Standards for Turbine Engine Powered Airplanes; Correction [Docket No. FAA-1999-5018; Amendment No. 34-3] (RIN: 2120-AG68) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5529. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change Name of Using Agency for Restricted Area R-5203; Oswego, NY [Airspace Docket No. 99-AEA-12] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5530. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-106-AD; Amendment 39-11405; AD 99-23-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5531. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 Series Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-186-AD; Amendment 39-11404; AD 99-23-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received

November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5532. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model Hawker 1000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-156-AD; Amendment 39-11406; AD 99-23-1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5533. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA330F, G, J, and AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-01-AD; Amendment 39-11403; AD 99-23-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5534. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-101, -102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, and -315 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-335-AD; Amendment 39-11401; AD 99-23-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5535. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model SN-601 (Corvette) Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-365-AD; Amendment 39-11402; AD 99-23-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5536. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-005-AD; Amendment 39-11428; AD 99-24-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5537. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model HS 748 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-147-AD; Amendment 39-11302; AD 99-19-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5538. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 95-ANE-69; Amendment 39-11424; AD 98-21-22 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5539. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7R4 Series Turbofan Engines; Correction [Docket No. 99-NE-06-AD; Amendment 39-11334; AD 99-20-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5540. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-167-AD; Amendment 39-11427; AD 99-24-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5541. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model 1329-23 and 1329-25 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-151-AD; Amendment 39-11306; AD 99-19-178] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5542. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GMBH (ECD) Model BO-105CB-5 and BO-105-CBS-5 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-58-AD; Amendment 39-11429; AD 99-24-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5543. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-14 and L-18 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-142-AD; Amendment 39-11297; AD 99-19-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5544. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-303-AD; Amendment 39-11426; AD 99-24-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5545. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CASA C-212 and CN-235 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-149-AD; Amendment 39-11304; AD 99-19-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5546. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; BMW Rolls-Royce GmbH Models BR700-710A1-10 and BR700-710A2-20 Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-74-AD; Amendment 39-11425; AD 98-24-03 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5547. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Sabliner Model NA-265-40, NA-265-60, NA-70, and NA-265-80 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-137-AD; Amendment 39-11292; AD 99-19-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5548. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Air-

worthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR-42 and ATR-72 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-144-AD; Amendment 39-11299; AD 99-19-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5549. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; AlliedSignal, Instrument Landing System Navigation Receivers, as Installed in, but Not Limited to, Airbus Model A300 series airplanes and Boeing Model 747-100, -100B, -100B SUD, -200B, -200F, -200C, -300, 747SR, and 747SP series airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-257-AD; Amendment 39-11420; AD 99-23-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5550. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers SD3-30, SD3-60, SD3-SHERPA, and SD3-60 SHERPA Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-154-AD; Amendment 39-11309; AD 99-19-20] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5551. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-316-AD; Amendment 39-11421; AD 99-23-25] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5552. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model Dornier 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-150-AD; Amendment 39-11305; AD 99-19-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5553. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. Michael, AK [Airspace Docket No. 99-AAL-21] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5554. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A, SAAB 340B, and SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-148-AD; Amendment 39-11303; AD 99-19-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5555. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29840; Amdt. No. 1961] received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5556. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29839; Amdt. No. 1960] received November 22, 1999,



pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5557. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement on Property Reporting Requirements—received November 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

5558. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Part A Premium for 2000 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement [HCFA-8004-N] (RIN: 0938-AB53) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5559. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2000 [HCFA-8005-N] (RIN: 0938-AB52) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5560. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—December 1999 Applicable Federal Rates [Rev. Ruling 99-48] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5561. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Automatic approval of changes in funding methods [Rev. Procedure 99-45] received November 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5562. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on how the Department is working to comply with Section 1237 of Public Law 105-261; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and International Relations.

5563. A letter from the Senior Staff Attorney, Court of Appeals For the First Circuit, transmitting the opinion from Cablevision of Boston, Inc. v. Public Improvement Commission of the City of Boston, No. 99-1222 (1st Cir. Aug. 25, 1999); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and the Judiciary.

5564. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Contingency Operation Report U.S. Participation in and Support of NATO Operations in and Around Kosovo; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Services.

5565. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 2000 [HCFA-8006-N] (RIN: 0938-AJ80) received November 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3244. A bill to combat traf-

ficking of persons, especially into the sex-trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking; with an amendment (Rept. 106-487 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 1070. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period ending not later than February 29, 2000, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(s), rule X (Rept. 106-486, Pt. 1).

#### TIME LIMITATION ON REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1838. Referral to the Committee on Armed Services extended for a period ending not later than February 4, 2000.

H.R. 3244. Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Banking and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than March 24, 2000.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 3514. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. KINGSTON:

H.R. 3515. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Service to convey certain real property to the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SANFORD:

H.R. 3516. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit pelagic longline fishing in the exclusive economic zone in the Atlantic Ocean; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

H.R. 3517. A bill to amend the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to provide for consistent treatment of survivor benefits for public safety officers killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

292. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 227 memorializing Congress to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

293. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 memorializing the United States Congress to give priority to preserving Social Security and ensuring that it continues as universal and mandatory for all workers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

294. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 233 memorializing the President and Congress to support and to approve The Federalism Act of 1999 that comprehensively addresses the Federal preemption of state law with "one-size-fits-all" national policy; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform, Rules, and the Judiciary.

#### DELETION OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of November 18, 1999]

H.R. 3308: Mr. PHELPS.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 5: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, and Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 141: Mr. HALL of Ohio.

H.R. 670: Mr. McKEON.

H.R. 762: Mr. HALL of Texas.

H.R. 776: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 796: Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 1275: Mr. BARCIA, Mr. VENTO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 1732: Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD.

H.R. 2166: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 2282: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 2420: Mr. DELAY and Mr. HILLEARY.

H.R. 2538: Mr. MOORE and Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 2644: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 2902: Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2966: Ms. GRANGER and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 3044: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 3091: Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. SPRATT, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

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H.R. 3439: Mr. ROGERS.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO  
BULGARIA HIGHLIGHTS COUN-  
TRY'S TOLERANCE

## HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today President Bill Clinton is in Bulgaria, the first visit by a President of the United States to this important Balkan country. One of the principal purposes of President Clinton's trip to Bulgaria is to recognize and acknowledge the contribution Bulgaria made to NATO during the conflict in Yugoslavia. Bulgaria permitted NATO aircraft to overfly its territory during the air campaign against Serbia, and Bulgaria has suffered substantial economic losses as a result of economic sanctions against Yugoslavia (Serbia). An expression of the gratitude of the United States is most appropriate.

In addition to Bulgaria's cooperation in the conflict with Yugoslavia, Mr. Speaker, Bulgaria has contributed to regional peacekeeping and security. It maintains constructive relations with all of its neighbors, and it is host to the Southeastern Europe Multinational Peacekeeping Force, which comprises personnel from eight countries in the region. Bulgaria was the first country to recognize the sovereignty of neighboring Macedonia, setting an example of how countries in the Balkans can respect internationally-recognized borders and governments. Bulgaria has expressed its desire to become a member of NATO, and as Bulgaria continues to progress economically and politically Mr. Speaker, what President Clinton is seeing in Bulgaria is a country that is very different than the image most Americans have of the Balkans—and a country that is a stark contrast to its western neighbor, Yugoslavia.

Over the past decade since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of Soviet domination of Central and Eastern Europe, Bulgaria has been transformed from a Soviet satellite into a functioning democracy. Several peaceful and competitive elections have been held—the most recent just two weeks ago. The current government of Prime Minister Ivan Kostov is implementing a broad program of economic and structural reforms that have produced modest levels of growth, controlled inflation, high levels of foreign investment, and international assistance. Financial markets have stabilized with the discipline of a currency board. State enterprises are being privatized. The Bulgarian economy is on a path that will lead toward eventual membership in the European Union, with accession negotiations scheduled to begin with Brussels next year.

Mr. Speaker, what separates Bulgaria from many of its neighbors is its deeply ingrained sense of religious and ethnic tolerance. Earlier in this century, Bulgaria welcomed thousands

of Armenian refugees who were subjected to suffering and persecution in Turkey and other countries of the region. Then, during World War II, Bulgarians demonstrated a remarkable example of national courage and heroism when they acted to save the country's Jewish population, which numbered 50,000 persons, from deportation to Nazi death camps.

This is a story largely unknown outside of Bulgaria, although my wife Annette has made considerable efforts to publicize the heroic efforts of the Bulgarian people. Despite strong pressure from Hitler's Germany, thousands of Bulgarians—parliamentarians, religious leaders, intellectuals, and ordinary workers risked their own lives and refused to send their neighbors and fellow Bulgarians to the Nazi crematoria. As a result, not a single Bulgarian Jew living within the boundaries of the country was sent to a concentration camp.

More recently, Mr. Speaker, Bulgarians have sought to better integrate the minority Turkish population—which numbers some 800,000 persons among a population of 8.4 million persons—into the political and economic life of the country. Under communism, Bulgaria in the mid-1980's forced ethnic Turks to assimilate with the majority population by changing their names. Mosques were closed. Turkish-language education was curtailed. Many thousands of ethnic Turks fled the country.

After communism's collapse, however, relations between Turks and Bulgarians improved dramatically. Bulgaria's pragmatic President, Petar Stoyanov, publicly apologized for his country's behavior toward its ethnic Turks at the time when the country was under communist rule. Turkey and Bulgaria have signed a series of agreements on free trade, cross-border investment, customs tariffs and even military cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, Bulgarian Orthodox and Muslim religious leaders often work together, and in some communities churches and mosques are found in the same neighborhood. The two governments have initiated a program to help reunite Bulgarian and Turkish families separated by past conflicts. Bulgaria provided emergency relief in the wake of recent earthquakes that devastated Turkey. These initiatives have helped heal the wounds of the past.

Mr. Speaker, at the core of Bulgaria's efforts to promote tolerance has been political inclusion and education. In October 1990, Bulgaria's first post-communist government included a Turkish party that won ten percent of the total seats in Parliament. In the area of education, Bulgarian school texts have been revised to include a more accurate history of Bulgarian-Turkish relations. School teachers from the country's Turkish regions are sent to Turkey to better learn how to teach the Turkish language.

As Europe, the United States and the international community go about the task of re-

building Southeastern Europe in the wake of the war in Kosovo, we should look to the example of Bulgaria as a society where ethnic and religious groups are peacefully co-existing, and where tolerance is ingrained in the country's culture and history.

Mr. Speaker, the high-profile visit of President Clinton to Bulgaria calls attention to Bulgaria's fine record in this regard. Even among the multi-ethnic and multi-religious complexity so characteristic of the Balkans, which has led to so much human suffering and armed conflict in that region, people of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds can live and work together peacefully and successfully. The Bulgarian people have shown that this can be done.

## WEYMOUTH TOWN MEETINGS

## HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Weymouth, in the Tenth District of Massachusetts, which convened our nation's first Town Meeting 375 years ago—and which is about to convene its last Town Meeting tonight.

Originally called "Wessagusset," Weymouth was settled in 1622, making it the second-oldest town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. After less than a year facing New England's harsh conditions, Weymouth's Captain Robert Gorges soon abandoned the settlement, leaving those pioneers who remained to reorganize. Out of the desire for self-government under extraordinary conditions, the Town's citizenry called for a "Meeting of the Inhabitants" for the purpose of constituting a government.

That first Town Meeting was held in the spring of 1624 on Hunt's Hill. Capable citizens were chosen to fill newly-established offices, and voting rights were defined. As the meetings continued, all matters of public interest were considered and acted upon according to the direct will of the inhabitants. The meetings were in effect a legislative body, while those who had been appointed as "townsmen" served as the executive branch.

Meetings were called whenever any important question required action—and that was frequently. Freedom of speech, maintenance of personal rights and adherence to the high purpose that in due time became incorporated in the Constitution of the United States have since animated Weymouth's Town Meetings.

In the spring of 1624, the Town Meeting was a new venture in government, and a new experience for its participants. Over the years since, the Town Meeting has developed into a pillar of local democracy for which the nation owes a great deal of thanks.

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And now, as the Town embarks on an historic new path, we wish much success in advance to its first Mayor, to members of its new Town Council, and to the scores of local residents whose vigorous discourse has made Weymouth a model of participatory democracy—over the last 375 years, and into the next millennium.

HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF  
WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER SHULER

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House that on November 28, 1999, my grandson, William Christopher Shuler, will celebrate his first birthday. I have enjoyed myself immensely over the last few months watching little William grow, and my wife Cynthia and I are looking forward to many more birthdays as we head into the new millennium.

We often hear our colleagues on the floor honoring those constituents who are celebrating their 100th birthdays, and as we listen, we are able to reflect on the wonderment of the 20th century and appreciate just how much the world has changed over their lifespan. Those people born in 1899 have witnessed first-hand the advent of modern aviation, from the first flight by the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk to the landing on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. They have seen the dawn of a world connected by the Internet, where e-mail and video replace ink and paper for communication. They have seen a technological revolution unfold before their eyes. They have also watched our brave young men and women travel to foreign lands to fight for freedom and democracy in five separate wars.

Now imagine what a one-year old today will experience as he heads into the 21st century. It's hard to fathom what the world will look like fifty, seventy-five, or one hundred years from now. Yet, little William sits on that exciting threshold—filled with great opportunity and hope.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in this celebration, and to always keep our young ones in mind as we continue in Congress to make this nation a better place for them all.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

**HON. KAREN McCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the importance of addressing the multi-faceted issues involved in providing access to health care for all Americans. In a country of unsurpassed material resources, healthcare should be a right, not a privilege; yet, the number of uninsured and disenfranchised populations that have to limit their exposure even to basic primary health services, has reached staggering proportions.

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If we are to successfully turn-around this untenable situation, we must develop comprehensive, coordinated, targeted approaches that proactively address systemic health-related issues in our communities.

I have recently become aware of the efforts of the Carondelet Health System (CHS) to develop a "Community Outreach Network" that would serve as a model for universal access to health services in multi-cultural communities. CHS, comprised of more than 50 hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home care agencies and physician groups across the United States, has a strong presence in the State of Missouri with its national headquarters located in St. Louis, and a number of institutions in my own district. Since its inception, CHS has focused on its commitment to the uninsured, disenfranchised and medically underserved members of the community. One-third of the population reached by CHS members is Hispanic, and there are a growing number of ethnic minorities who come to CHS institutions to find a home in an increasingly complex health care delivery system.

Given the multicultural community that CHS serves, CHS has launched a national collaborative initiative to increase community health access; provide a comprehensive continuum of care for the uninsured; and focus on minority health status improvements. Breaking down barriers to health care by enrolling uninsured children and families in available programs; coordination and integration of community health resources on the local level, and cultural competency training for medical staff who serve diverse, multicultural communities will be key elements of the CHS Community Outreach Network.

National health systems such as Carondelet, with unique expertise in reaching out to the uninsured and under-served, can play a highly beneficial role as collaborative partners with the federal government in developing models for community health access that can be replicated by others in health care community. As the Department of Health and Human Services develops its budget and Congress sets its spending priorities for Fiscal Year 2001, I would hope that attention will be paid and resources will be allocated to pilots and demonstrations that support current Administration goals to increase access to community health services. This is imperative in multi-cultural communities where language and other cultural differences present barriers to achieving community health objectives.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Mr. PORTER, and the Ranking Minority Member, Mr. OBEY, for their commitment to insuring that access to health care for all Americans is a fundamental and basic right.

I look forward to working with the Subcommittee in the upcoming session of Congress to find ways to increase support for critically needed minority health initiatives.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the opportunity to address a most important issue for our nation's dairy farmers.

The federal milk marketing order program is the life-blood of dairy farmers throughout the nation and is a program that has long enjoyed strong, bipartisan support.

Mr. Speaker, I have been at the forefront of this dairy effort since the first day I came to this Congress and have worked hard with our bipartisan coalition from across the country to address this critical issue to the agricultural economy.

I want to explain that we are here today advancing dairy legislation because our dairy industry is in a crisis.

The Secretary of Agriculture calls the Administration's dairy reforms fair, yet it imposes hundreds of millions of dollars in losses in 45 states. This cannot be considered fair and I commend our leaders for responding to this crisis with a common sense compromise.

Dairy reform was not meant to be dairy income reduction. This package today restores what has been taken out of the pockets of dairy farmers throughout the country.

Do not forget that 285 members of this body, Republicans and Democrats, voted for the bulk of this dairy legislation—H.R. 1402—in September of this year.

The agreement also extends the life of the current New England Compact, which has proven over the past few years to be an effective model for providing much-needed stability to the dairy farmers.

This agreement affirms the idea that we should be supporting our states in their efforts to assist their agricultural economies.

Contrary to some of the rhetoric we've heard, this dairy package does not turn dairy reform on its head and nor does it bring the end to the dairy industry in the Upper Midwest, or anywhere else for that matter.

Keep in mind that the Upper Midwest receives some of the highest on-farm milk prices in the entire country.

With this legislation, dairy reforms will be implemented as intended in the Farm Bill—the number of marketing orders are consolidated and much-needed reforms are being made to the basic formula price and other pricing issues are improved.

However, today's legislation will ensure that regions are treated fairly and that farm income is not slashed as a result of the reforms.

Mr. Speaker, our agencies must be responsive to Congress and our constituents in implementing our federal policies. The Clinton Administration has failed on both counts in its pursuit of dairy reforms.

I again want to thank our leaders in the House and the Senate and our strong, bipartisan coalition that has remained determined

to see that this issue is addressed before the end of this Congress.

This is fair legislation that takes into account the best interests of the dairy industry in all regions.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain the reasons I voted against the Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report. This bill has both good and bad parts. But unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the bad outweighs the good.

Mr. Speaker, this bill contains disastrous dairy policy. It allows the Northeast Dairy Compact, a pricing scheme that gives dairy farmers in the six Northeastern states higher prices for their milk, to continue for two more years. The House has never debated nor voted on this policy, which places Wisconsin dairy farmers at a disadvantage. It is wrong to add this measure to this must-pass legislation without debate. This bill also reverses what Congress asked the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to do in 1996—reform the antiquated milk market order system. For over sixty years, Wisconsin farmers have struggled with the inequity of the current pricing system, which sets milk prices according to the distance from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The USDA, doing Congress' will, revamped the current milk pricing system to be more fair, and more market oriented. But in this bill, Congress has reversed itself, and allowed the unfair, depression era status quo to prevail.

Mr. Speaker, this bill does contain some of the important priorities that I strongly support. I wish they had not been packaged with the objectionable items that forced me to vote against the bill. The bill provides funding for the class size initiative that permits the hiring of 100,000 new teachers so that our children can have smaller, more effective classes. It also provides funding for the COPS program which puts more neighborhood police officers in our communities. These are both important programs that provide necessary resources to our local communities. I also regret that I was unable to vote to restore the Medicare cuts that were included in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to next year's session, when I hope we will take up some of the unfinished business of this year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 18, 1999, I was un-

avoidably detained while attending to matters away from the Capitol and missed rollcall vote 598. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on this rollcall vote. I am requesting that the RECORD appropriately reflect the aforementioned after the rollcall vote.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this omnibus bill and commend the House leadership—the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Majority Whip—as well as Chairman YOUNG—for their untiring efforts to finalize this package and for their willingness to include in it certain authorization measures. I also extend a heartfelt thanks to Bill Inglee, Brian Gunderson and Susan Hirschman for their efforts on our behalf.

In particular, the package includes the authorization for the important UN reform and arrears payment package as well as other significant programs such as a five year authorization for a greatly enhanced embassy security program to protect American personnel and facilities abroad and a 10 year authorization for Radio Free Asia—or freedom broadcasting—to Asia.

The particular legislative vehicle by which this is accomplished is the inclusion by reference in this bill of H.R. 3427, introduced on the legislative day of November 17 by the distinguished Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), as well as by the distinguished ranking Democrat on that subcommittee, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY), the distinguished Full Committee ranking Democrat, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), and myself.

H.R. 3427 reflects the House and Senate agreements reached on H.R. 2415 and S. 886 (the Senate amendment to H.R. 2415). The compromise bill accommodates numerous requests of the Administration. The International Relations Committee worked hard to produce a bipartisan bill in concert with our colleagues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We are pleased to have it included in this package.

H.R. 3427 is a substitute for a conference report or an amendment between the Houses to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

The original Senate version of H.R. 2415 was S. 886, which was reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations on March 28, 1999 (S. Rept. 106-43) and which passed the Senate, amended, on June 22, 1999.

H.R. 2415 passed the House, amended, on July 21, 1999. It was not reported by our Committee but was sent directly to the floor by action of the House pursuant to a special Rule. H.R. 2415 was a successor to H.R.

1211. H.R. 1211 was reported by the Committee on International Relations on March 29, 1999 (H. Rept. 106-122).

The legislative history of H.R. 3427 in the House is the legislative history of H.R. 2415 and H.R. 1211 in the House as far as is applicable. In particular, H. Rept. 106-122 should be considered as part of the legislative history of H.R. 2415, H.R. 3427, and this omnibus bill.

Among the very difficult decisions made on this bill was a decision to drop Section 725 of the Senate bill S. 886 which recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. I strongly supported the four subsections, which would have: (1) provided funds for the construction of a U.S. embassy in Jerusalem; (2) required that the consulate in Jerusalem be placed under the supervision of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel; (3) required that official U.S. government documents which list countries and their capital cities identify Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and (4) permit the place of birth on a birth registration or passport issued to a U.S. citizen born in the city of Jerusalem to be recorded as Israel.

These four provisions are extremely important efforts which recognize the reality that Jerusalem is, and will always remain Israel's eternal capital. I therefore strongly regret that the Administration demanded that these provisions be dropped from the final agreement, but assure my colleagues that our efforts to see these four provisions enacted into law will not wane.

DEDICATION OF THE MONSIGNOR OSCAR LUJAN CALVO MUSEUM

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as you know, December 7, 1941, and the Attack on Pearl Harbor mark our nation's entry into World War II. For the people of Guam, the war began on December 8th, the Roman Catholic Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patron saint of the United States.

This year, on December 8th, we in Guam will again celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will recall the Japanese Invasion of Guam and we will give thanks for our deliverance and for the peace that has reigned on our island since the end of World War II. This year our celebrations will also include an historic first: the Archdiocese of Agaña will dedicate its new museum and name it in honor of a native son, the Very Reverend Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo, the third Chamorro to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest and the only one to date to reach his 58th anniversary in the priesthood.

It is a fitting tribute to a man who has spent a lifetime serving the Church and contributing not only to the moral and spiritual welfare of the faithful in Guam but also to the knowledge about who we are as a people. Indeed, the museum which will bear his name will also house many of the historic documents, books, publications, photographs, and artifacts that he has carefully collected and lovingly preserved over many, many years. Known more commonly as Pale' O'scat, and more affectionately

as "Pale' Scot," Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo is himself an historic figure not only in the history of the Roman Catholic Church in Guam but also in the history of Guam itself.

Born in Hagatna on August 2, 1915, Monsignor Calvo first attended school in Guam and, at age thirteen, entered the San Jose Preparatory Seminary in the Philippines. He returned home thirteen years later and was ordained on April 5, 1941, joining Father Jose Palomo and Father Jesus Duenas, the only other Chamorros in the Catholic priesthood. He celebrated his first Mass on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941. Eight months later, on December 8, Japanese Imperial Forces attacked Guam.

In an interview several years ago, Monsignor Calvo related many of his experiences during the Japanese Occupation of Guam, including conducting secret Masses in direct defiance of occupation regulations forbidding him and Guam's two other men of the cloth, Father Jesus Baza Duenas and Baptist minister, the Reverend Joaquin Sablan, from practicing their faiths. In that interview, Monsignor Calvo spoke about his concern for the many valuable church records and artifacts at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral in Hagatna. When the occupying forces began to use the cathedral for their own purposes, Monsignor Calvo secretly removed the church valuables to a safer location away from the capital city. After the war, he went to retrieve them, only to discover that the secret hiding place and all it contained had been destroyed in intense American bombardment of Guam. Lost forever were the records of births, deaths and marriages dating back to the 1700s. Perhaps it was the sorrow over this immense loss that inspired Pale' Scot to become such an avid collector of artifacts and written materials about Guam and its people.

Whatever the reason may be, Monsignor Calvo bore no animosity toward the Americans who fought valiantly to recapture Guam, destroying much in the process, nor toward the Japanese who precipitated the destruction. In fact, the good monsignor worked hard after the war to heal the wounds. Despite criticisms from U.S. veterans groups, he played a major role in the establishment of the Guam Peace Memorial Park, funded entirely by private Japanese donations and dedicated in tribute to Japanese and Chamorro war dead. In recognition of his efforts to promote peace, friendship and goodwill, the Japanese Government conferred upon him its distinguished Order of the Rising Sun with gold and silver rays. He was the first American to receive this prestigious award.

Monsignor Calvo also has been an Honorary Papal Chamberlain since 1947. He is a knight in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes, and of Malta, with the title of Magistral Chaplain in 1977. In 1991 he was enrolled in the Guma Honra, the Guam Hall of Fame, for his remarkable social, spiritual and civic contributions to the people of Guam.

With the dedication of the Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo Museum on December 8, 1999, future generations of students of Guam history will owe a debt of gratitude to Pale' and his diligent efforts to preserve, protect, and promote Chamorro culture and history and to

share his collection. I join the people of Guam in celebrating the opening of the new museum. I look forward to visiting it and to viewing Pale' Scot's collections, much of which will be publicly displayed for the first time. And to Pale', I want to say: "Si Yu'os ma'ase, Pale', nu todo i che'cho'-mu put i estudion i fina 'posta-ta, i setbisiu-mu para i tano'-ta yan i dedikasion-mu para i Gima' Yu'os.

We are inspired by your works, grateful for your advocacy and deeply appreciative of your service to our island.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the measure before us includes the Intellectual Property and Communications Omnibus Reform Act of 1999 (IPCORA). This legislation, among other things, makes certain technical changes in several sections of the Copyright Act, including sections 111 and 119. These two sections of current law provide compulsory copyright licenses, which enable cable systems and satellite carriers to retransmit copyrighted material from broadcast signals without obtaining the permission of the copyright owners.

I rise to emphasize one change that this legislation does not make. Nothing in IPCORA changes the definitional provisions concerning who is entitled to claim a compulsory license. Section 111(f) contains a definition of "cable system," and section 119(d)(6) contains a definition of "satellite carrier." IPCORA does not change these definitions.

In particular, neither definition encompasses digital online communications services, which may seek to retransmit broadcast material over the Internet. These services are not eligible for either of these compulsory licenses. It is clear that such services do not fit either definition I have referenced. Indeed, Internet and online services are profoundly different from the cable systems and satellite carriers which these provisions are intended to benefit. To cite just one crucial difference, cable systems and satellite carriers serve defined and delineated geographic areas within the United States, and their entitlement to retransmit under these compulsory licenses applies only within those areas. Internet and online services, by contrast, have worldwide reach, and can deliver programming to any spot on the globe the Internet reaches. It is obvious that a compulsory license designed for a local, geographically limited service cannot fairly be applied to a worldwide distribution channel.

An earlier version of IPCORA contained technical amendments spelling out that digital online communications services are not eligible for compulsory licenses under either section 111 or section 119. Because some objections were raised by some online services to these amendments, it has been decided to omit them. Some may ask whether this omis-

sion has any legal significance. The answer is no. To my knowledge, no court, no administrative agency, no authoritative commentator has ever stated or even implied that digital online services qualify as either "cable systems" for purposes of section 111, or as "satellite carriers" for purposes of section 119. In fact, the Register of Copyrights, whose agency administers both these licenses, has repeatedly stated the opposite. Since IPCORA does not change these definitions, it does not change that conclusion, with or without the amendments that caused a few online services such concern.

MEMORIALIZING MR. MANUEL  
CARDOZA

**HON. GARY A. CONDIT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, today is a very sad occasion and I would like to ask for a moment of silence on the House floor to honor the passing of a good friend of mine, Mr. Manuel Cardoza.

Though we are saddened by his passing from us Thursday afternoon, and I know that his precious wife Mary and his sons, Dennis and Bobby will miss him terribly, I am equally comforted in the knowledge that Manuel passed on to a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I've known the Cardoza family for a good many years. They are a living legacy of the American Dream. Manuel's parents came to the United States from the Island of Pico in the Azores as immigrant farmers and made the most of the opportunity they found here.

A lifetime resident of California's great Central Valley, Manuel and Mary were long time residents of Atwater, after Manuel was born in Hanford. He farmed with his father and brother until 1945 when he left the family farm to serve in the US Maritime Service. In 1947 he returned to Atwater and farming until 1960 when he built Bellevue Bowl. He served as a director of the Merced County Mosquito Abatement Board for 30 years and held memberships in the Atwater Rotary Club and Merced Elks Lodge.

Manuel is survived by his wife Mary, his sons Bobby and Dennis and three grandchildren, Jim, Tommy and Brittany.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Manuel Cardoza.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. MAX SANDLIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, this is no way to govern. Republicans have decided to run this budget bill through Congress by keeping

members in the dark. The budgeting process that brought us this bill at 3:30 a.m. must change. Congress needs to find a better way to fund day-to-day government operations without jeopardizing funding for critical initiatives and programs by a process that is too partisan and deeply divided.

Even though I object to the process which brought us this bill, I will support its final passage because it contains a number of provisions which are absolutely essential for the people in my district. These provisions include relief for rural hospitals hit hard by the Balanced Budget Act of 1977 (BBA), access to local stations for rural satellite TV viewers, critical protections for dairy farmers, and the hiring of teachers and law enforcement officers.

Health care providers in rural East Texas have been hit exceptionally hard by the BBA changes. Many hospitals in East Texas receive 55-75% of revenue from Medicare. The budget package includes an agreement that would give hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies and other health care providers relief from cuts in Medicare payments that was enacted under the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.

This agreement will provide an estimated \$12.8 billion over five years in additional Medicare payments for hospitals, home health care agencies, managed care plans and other health providers. It also includes provisions targeted at small hospitals and rural hospitals. In addition to a higher rate of reimbursement for these institutions, the bill allows them to increase the number of residency positions they are allowed to offer.

Hospital outpatient departments will also see relief. The agreement includes a provision stating that Congress never intended to impose a 5.7% cut in payments to hospital outpatient departments. This provision will restore these payments, reimbursing hospitals about \$4.2 billion over five years. This is critical for the financial security of our rural hospitals in East Texas. Patients' care options will be preserved with this provision, and the quality of care will be preserved.

The budget bill also contains important provisions which would allow satellite TV viewers access to local programming. Until now, satellite providers have been barred from transmitting the signals of local broadcast stations back to subscribers in the same local market. This legislation, however, contains important provisions of the Satellite Home View Act, which recently passed the House with overwhelming support.

In addition to allowing satellite carriers to transmit local broadcast signals back to subscribers in the same local market, this legislation would also eliminate the current 90-day waiting period before cable subscribers can switch to satellite service. These provisions are good news for satellite viewers who have been unfairly left deprived of access to local weather, news, and programming.

With regard to dairy, the agreement includes policy provisions that direct the USDA to implement its proposed "Option 1-A" Class 1 differential milk pricing structure. By doing so, the measure blocks portions of USDA's preferred milk marketing orders reform plan (Option 1-B) and essentially preserves the status quo in milk pricing for Texas.

This is a victory for Texas dairy farmers. If Option 1-B had been implemented, Texas dairy farmers would have lost \$56 million in producer income. With this agreement, we are preventing that loss and preserving the East Texas dairy farm.

The budget also contains a number of important Democratic victories, including funding for 100,000 new teachers, after school programs, Head Start, school construction, and the COPS program. These victories also include extensions of important tax credits for research and development, the Work Incentive tax credit, Welfare to Work credit, and Alternative Minimum Tax relief for individuals.

This year we have also given our service men and women a pay raise and provided funding for increased workload at Red River Army Depot. Specifically, the FY00 budget appropriates \$384 million for upgrading the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Finally, this bill puts aside \$147 billion for reducing the national debt and helping ensure that future generations can share in the economic prosperity we are now experiencing as a nation.

Although I am pleased with the positive aspects of this bill, I am deeply disturbed by its more troubling provisions. Those include an arbitrary across-the-board cut upon which Republicans have insisted. Instead of eliminating the irresponsible member earmarks that load up this budget with unnecessary spending or cutting Member pay raises, Republicans have opted for a damaging, indiscriminate across-the-board cut. Moreover, they rely on accounting gimmicks to disguise the real spending in this bill, and they tell us this budget won't break the caps. This bill has not been scored, so we have no choice but to accept Republican claims that it won't dip into the Social Security trust fund.

I find the Republicans' failure to cut the Congressional pay raise particularly unconscionable. This bill would actually exempt the Congressional pay raise from the across-the-board cut. This provision is extremely upsetting, considering that Congress twice voted against this exemption.

Republican tactics throughout the budget process have produced an imperfect bill. Their unwillingness to negotiate with Democrats from the beginning is the reason behind this 11th hour budget bill. Unfortunately, Republicans put off budget negotiations until the very last minute in favor of partisan rhetoric and have thereby prevented Congress from passing a Patients' Bill of Rights, funding a Medicare prescription drug benefit for seniors, increasing the minimum wage for working Americans, and providing meaningful tax relief for families.

These realities make it especially difficult for me to cast my vote in favor of this bill. The most troubling consequence of this bill is the potentially detrimental effect of the across-the-board cut on veterans' healthcare. I will vote for the Motion to Recommit for this reason, and for all the other reasons I have cited, in hopes that these problems can be addressed before final passage of the bill.

However, should the Motion to Recommit fail, I will support final passage because, although it is imperfect, this bill is a product of lengthy negotiations. I accept that negotiation requires compromise, and not everyone will

agree on every aspect of a compromise. All in all, I support this bill because, despite its shortcomings, it is good news for the people of East Texas.

**BERNARDO FORT-BRESCIA AND LAURINDA SPEAR INDUCTED TO THE INTERIOR DESIGN MAGAZINE HALL OF FAME**

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Bernardo Fort-Brescia and his wife, Laurinda Spear, on being inducted as members of the 1999 Interior Design Magazine Hall of Fame.

In 1977, Bernardo and Laurinda, both graduates of Ivy League architectural schools, founded the Miami based Arquitectonica which has been making headlines with a brand of unconventional modernism that combines clarity and formal rigor with unusual daring in color and wit. The firm's designs have won numerous awards from the American Institute of Architects and Progressive Architecture.

Bernardo and Laurinda have worked on many memorable designs, including the Miami City Ballet headquarters in Miami Beach, the American Airlines Arena in Miami, and the future Westin New York at Times Square on New York's 42nd Street. These projects have been featured in many magazines and professional journals including Time, Newsweek, Domus, and Architectural Digest. Bernardo and Laurinda have lectured around the world and their work had been exhibited in many prestigious museums and galleries throughout the Western Hemisphere and Europe.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bernard Fort-Brescia, FAIA and Laurinda Spear, FAIA on their induction to the 1999 Interior Design Magazine Hall of Fame.

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2116, VETERANS MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2116, the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act of 1996. As a conferee on this legislation, I am grateful the Senate accepted one particular provision, my proposal to add bronchiolo alveolar carcinoma to the Department of Veterans Affairs presumption list for radiogenic cancers.

For the last ten years, I have worked to add this lung cancer to the VA's presumption list for service-connected veterans. During the 104th and 105th Congresses, the House passed my legislation to add this cancer to the VA's presumption list. This year, we have convinced our Senate colleagues of the need to put this provision into law because of the VA's

continual denial of most claims by atomic veterans and their survivors.

Bronchiolo alveolar carcinoma is not considered a smoker's cancer. During a recent class action lawsuit in the state of Florida, the jury specifically excluded bronchiolo alveolar carcinoma from the list of lung cancers compensable due to smoking. Furthermore, the National Research Council cited Department of Energy studies in the BEIR V report stating that "bronchiolo alveolar carcinoma is the most common cause of delayed death from inhaled plutonium 239."

I know of this firsthand because I have been working with Joan McCarthy, a New Jersey resident, who lost her husband, Tom, to bronchiolo alveolar carcinoma in 1981. Tom had served as the navigator on the U.S.S. *McKinley* which participated in Operation Wigwam, an underwater atomic test in the Pacific that produced a surge of mist which Tom inhaled. Twenty-five years later, Tom died of lung cancer, a father and husband who was only in his early forties. Passage of the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act today will add this cancer to the VA's presumption list and thus ensure that Joan McCarthy and other veterans and their widows receive the compensation which they need and deserve.

I am also proud of this bill's long-term care provisions for our nation's veterans. It reflects the months of heavy lifting that the House Veterans' Affairs Committee has done on this issue as America's veterans community gets older and consequently needs quality health care.

Another provision which I authored as free standing legislation and is now in the conference report is a respite care provision. For the first time, we are giving the VA the ability to contract out for respite care services. Until now, if a veteran's care giver, be it his spouse or adult child, needed a short break, their only recourse was to wait for a bed to be made available at either a VA or state nursing home. The extra burden of transporting the veterans almost makes this self-defeating and it is witnessed by the fact that only 232 cases of respite care were provided by the VA during the 1998 fiscal year.

The need for respite care cannot be underestimated. A few years ago, my wife, Marie, was the primary care giver for my mother who was dying of brain cancer. We chose to take care of her in our home and my wife was the one who saw to her needs. Consequently, I know how important it is for the care giver, as well as the veteran, to be provided with the occasional day off so that they might attend to their own lives for a few hours or a few days. In the long run, this will significantly improve the quality of life and care of our veterans and unquestionably save the VA money in the long run. Most Americans want to remain in their own homes or with their families for as long as possible.

The benefits of respite care cannot be understated. According to the Caregiver Assistance Network, family and volunteer caregivers provide 85% of all home care given in the United States. However, our veterans' caregivers need our help. In a California statewide survey taken by the Family Caregiver Alliance, 58% of the caregivers showed signs of clinical depression. When asked, they responded that

their two greatest needs were emotional support and respite care. On average, they are providing 10.5 hours of care per day. Providing the VA with the ability to contract with the nearest nursing home, adult day care center or sending someone to the veterans' home will make a real difference in the day to day quality of life for a veteran and his or her family.

The Veterans Millennium Health Care Act also requires the VA to provide needed nursing home care for veterans who are 70% service-connected or in need of such care for a service-connected condition. It also lifts the VA's six month limit on adult day health care and it allows the VA to expand the scope of the state home program to encompass all extended care services such as respite care, adult day health care, domiciliary care, and other alternatives to institutional care. It also guarantees emergency care for uninsured veterans and reinstates preferential eligibility for recipients of the Purple Heart. It also requires the VA to establish a policy regarding chiropractic treatment, a provision which I first introduced as legislation during my first term in Congress. And finally, it authorizes payments to the surviving spouses of former POWs who were rated totally disabled due to any service-connected cause for a period of one or more years immediately prior to death.

I urge my colleagues to join me in passing the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act.

#### LIST OF COSPONSORS

#### HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the following is a list of my colleagues who requested to be cosponsors of H.R. 3189: Representative JOHN DOOLITTLE, Representative ROBERT MATSUI, Representative TOM LANTOS, Representative ANNA ESHOO, Representative SAM FARR, Representative LOIS CAPPS, Representative ELTON GALLEGLEY, Representative BRAD SHERMAN, Representative BUCK McKEON, Representative HOWARD BERMAN, Representative DAVID DREIER, Representative HENRY WAXMAN, Representative MATTHEW MARTINEZ, Representative JULIAN DIXON, Representative MAXINE WATERS, Representative JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Representative STEVE HORN, Representative JERRY LEWIS, Representative KEN CALVERT, Representative MARY BONO, Representative DANA ROHRBACHER, Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ, Representative CHRIS COX, Representative RON PACKARD, Representative BRIAN BILBRAY, Representative BOB FILNER, Representative DUKE CUNNINGHAM, and Representative DUNCAN HUNTER.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3194,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS  
AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

#### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to explain the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary portion of H.R. 3194, making consolidated appropriations for fiscal year 2000. The revised conference report for the fiscal year 2000 Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary appropriation was introduced as a separate bill, H.R. 3421, and is referenced in the final consolidated appropriations measure, H.R. 3194, adopted in the House last Wednesday.

H.R. 3421 incorporates the conference report for the original bill, H.R. 2670, plus additional items negotiated since the veto of the first conference report. This is to highlight the changes from House Report 106-398, the conference report on H.R. 2670.

Let me first highlight the funding changes.

H.R. 3421 provides an additional \$616,282,000 in funding, after scorekeeping adjustments.

Under the Department of Justice, it provides an additional \$151,782,000, including the following: (1) \$140,000,000 for the COPS program—\$117,500,000 for hiring, \$10,000,000 for community prosecutors; and \$12,500,000 for management and administration; and it moves \$130,000,000 for crime identification technology from State and Local Law Enforcement to COPS; (2) \$10,635,000 for General Legal Activities—\$10,053,000 for Civil Rights Division; and \$582,000 for Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States; and (3) \$1,147,000 for the U.S. Parole Commission.

Under the Department of Commerce, it provides an additional \$45,000,000, including: (1) \$30,000,000 for NOAA Operations, Research and Facilities—\$5,000,000 for the Pacific Salmon Treaty, \$6,000,000 for coral reefs, \$5,500,000 for Marine Sanctuaries, \$2,000,000 for fisheries habitat restoration, \$11,000,000 for Endangered Species Act activities, and \$500,000 for GLOBE; (2) \$7,000,000 for NOAA Procurement, Acquisition and Construction—\$3,000,000 for Marine Sanctuaries, and \$4,000,000 for National Estuarine Research Reserves; and (3) \$8,000,000 for the Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund—\$4,000,000 for Tribes and \$2,000,000 each for California and Oregon.

Under the Department of State, it provides an additional \$347,000,000, including: (1) \$47,000,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs—\$5,000,000 for the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and \$42,000,000 for activities in the Kosovo region and the WTO ministerial, with up to \$5,000,000 for the latter; and (2) \$300,000,000 for Contributions for International Peacekeeping.

For Related Agencies, it provides an additional \$81,500,000, including: (1) \$3,000,000 for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; (2) \$5,000,000 for the Legal Services Corporation; (3) \$36,000,000 for SBA Salaries

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and Expenses, and an additional \$10,500,000 for the New Markets initiative, subject to authorization; (4) \$6,000,000 for SBA Business Loans for the New Markets initiative, subject to authorization; and (5) \$21,000,000 for SBA Disaster Loans, in response to the demand on the program in large part due to Hurricane Floyd.

There were also a number of language provisions that changed:

Two Department of State General Provisions relating to Jerusalem were dropped; and  
Several provisions were revised, including:

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Section 108, dealing with the reorganization of Office of Justice programs;

Census framework language;

Under State Department Diplomatic and Consular programs, a new provision allowing transfer of not to exceed \$4,500,000 to International Broadcasting Operations to avoid Voice of America personnel reductions;

State Contributions to International Organizations and Arrearages provisions;

Section 623, dealing with Pacific Salmon authorizations;

Section 626, dealing with discrimination or denigration of religious beliefs; and

Section 627, dealing with visa prohibitions related to countries refusing to take returnees.

The listing of these changes is intended to highlight the differences between the vetoed conference report and the final conference report, and a description of these changes is included in the Statement of Managers accompanying the conference report for H.R. 3194, which describes the final agreement for the entire Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations measures.

*November 22, 1999*